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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 377

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to transportation safety."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 44.19.025 is amended to read:

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Sec. 44.19.025. ADMINISTRATION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM. The

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governor may contract and do all other things necessary on behalf of

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this state under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966, and may co-

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operate with interested persons and agencies [FEDERAL AND STATE

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AGENCIES, PRIVATE AND CORPORATE AGENCIES, INTERESTED CORPORATIONS, AND

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INDIVIDUALS,] to effectuate the purposes of that Act. The governor

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may designate a person to serve as his highway safety representative;

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however, the governor is the official in this state having the ultimate

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responsibility for dealing with the federal government with respect to

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programs and activities under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966.

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He shall coordinate the activities relating to highway safety of state

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departments, agencies and subdivisions and of the Transportation Safety

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Commission established in AS 44.19.801.

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* Sec. 2. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 10A. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION.

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Sec. 44.19.801. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION. (a) There is

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established in the Department of Public Safety the Transportation Safety

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Commission.

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(b) The Transportation Safety Commission consists of 15 members,

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as follows:

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(1) the attorney general and the commissioners of public

1 safety, transportation and public facilities, and health and social
2 services;

3 (2) one superior court or district court judge who is ex-
4 perenced in the adjudication of traffic cases selected by the chief
5 justice of the supreme court;

6 (3) three members of the house of representatives selected by
7 the speaker of the house;

8 (4) three members of the senate selected by the president of
9 the senate;

10 (5) four residents of the state selected by the governor
11 based on geographic representation and population distribution.

12 (c) Members of the Transportation Safety Commission other than
13 legislators, serve at the pleasure of the governor. Members of the
14 commission serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive the
15 same per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for boards and
16 commissions.

17 Sec. 44.19.811. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The Transportation Safety
18 Commission is the state planning agency and shall assist the governor in
19 the exercise of his powers and duties relating to the Federal Highway
20 Safety Act under AS 44.19.025. The commission may apply for, receive,
21 and use grants, gifts and other assistance from the federal government
22 and from other public and private sources for the execution of its
23 programs.

24 (b) The Transportation Safety Commission may investigate state and
25 local transportation safety needs and seek financing for the development
26 of programs and techniques to

27 (1) alleviate and prevent all types of transportation acci-
28 dents;

29 (2) aid the court system in the adjudication of highway, road

1 and street traffic cases;

2 (3) aid peace officers in the enforcement of all transporta-
3 tion laws; and

4 (4) rehabilitate traffic offenders and prevent recidivism of
5 traffic offenders.

6 (c) The Transportation Safety Commission shall provide assistance,
7 planning, and coordination to state agencies with responsibilities
8 related to transportation safety to encourage the efficient allocation,
9 use, and coordination of transportation safety and related personnel at
10 the state and local level and to determine reasonable qualifications for
11 the employment of that personnel.

12 (d) The court system and the state departments and agencies with
13 responsibilities related to transportation safety shall assist the
14 Transportation Safety Commission in the performance of its duties.

15 (e) In order to facilitate communication and cooperation, the
16 Transportation Safety Commission shall conduct conferences to discuss
17 and plan

18 (1) transportation safety;

19 (2) traffic enforcement and adjudication; and

20 (3) offender rehabilitation programs and personnel for the
21 court system and the state departments and agencies.

22 Sec. 44.19.821. STAFF. (a) The governor, or the person desig-
23 nated under AS 44.19.025, with the approval of the governor, may select
24 a director to administer the governor's programs under AS 44.19.025 and
25 the programs of the Transportation Safety Commission under AS 44.19.-
26 801 - 44.19.811.

27 (b) The director may employ personnel as necessary to carry out
28 the functions assigned under AS 44.19.025 and 44.19.801 - 44.19.811.
29 Personnel employed under this subsection are in the classified service

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